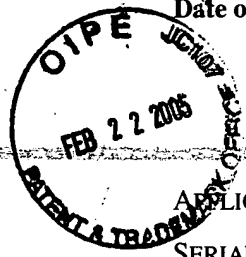


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

This paper is in response to the October 21, 2004 Office Action in connection with the above-referenced application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. A response is due February 21, 2005 with a one month extension of time. February 21, 2005 is a federal holiday therefore this response is due February 22, 2005 and is hereby timely filed. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, up to and including February 21, 2005, with the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any **SMALL ENTITY** fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 502648, Reference No. Cura 438. Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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